



## **PARISH NEWS January 2022**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !**

### **Parish Council- Council Tax Precept**

Every January the Parish Council will set its budget for the year. The budget and number of council tax paying properties in the Parish help the Parish Council set its Precept. The Precept is collected by Shropshire Council along with the Council Tax.

The Precept for this year will be £43.53 per year for a Band D property. This is an increase of £10.19 over the year ( 85p/month). The reasons for the increase are listed below:

- Highways Maintenance.  
This year we have taken on board resident's communications with us and have agreed to spend more highways maintenance. We will continue to help maintain the vision splays at the Cressage Crossroads and Bennetts lane on to the B4380 which we took on last year and we hope to also tidy up some of the areas in Leighton which we have received complaints about. This will not only help with road safety as it gives motorists better vision, but also looks cared for. We hope you agree and hope you will see improvements though the year. Your comments would be very welcome:  
[lecparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lecparishcouncil@gmail.com)
- Traffic Calming  
We are due to get substantial Traffic Calming Measures in Leighton in the next few years from Shropshire Council and the

developers of the former Power Station site in Ironbridge, Harworth plc. However, we have also had complaints this year about speeding traffic in Garmston. We recently asked residents to comment on this as we as a Parish would most likely have to pay for any measures. We have had several replies asking for some sort of traffic calming. We will consult on this later in the year and look at funding for some measures. Thank you to everyone who responded.

- Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This is a very special year for the whole country. We are excited to be part of the celebrations which will take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> June weekend. Please see the report from the Jubilee Committee about events being planned. We have earmarked some money to help with community projects and events this year.

**SMARTWATER - Home Security system** .We still have several packs of Smartwater for residents in our Parish. It is a really good security aid and is free to all residents in our Parish to mark their valuable items. If you have not yet picked up a pack please get in touch and we can arrange for you to receive one. [lecparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lecparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Finally, I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors who give up their time freely and work hard on behalf of the Parish Council. Thanks to our clerk, Lorna Pardoe, who works hard on our behalf and gives us valuable guidance. Particular thanks go to our County Councillor Claire Wild who has put in an extraordinary effort this year working on our behalf, in particular with getting conditions for the planning application at the former Ironbridge Power Station. Thank you Claire!

Sue Jones (Chair)

